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## TVIETMOE OWES BURNS \$7500.

The assembly's offer of a reward of \$10,000 for the capture of the Los Angeles dynamiters having vanished into thin air, Olaf A. Tveitmo of San Francisco ought to step forward promptly and pay William J. Burns the \$7500 which he proclaimed would be given to the man who could run the fiends to earth. Mr. Tveitmo made such a proposition and then followed it up with the most intemperate and demagogic abuse of Mr. Burns as soon as the detective got into action. He wanted the dynamiters caught but preferred to talk about a gas explosion and above all denounced anyone who even suggested that the McNamara might be guilty. He wouldn't wait for a trial, insisting upon prejudging the evidence obtained by the prosecution, and was one of the most rabid and ridiculous of all the agitators who characterized the criminal proceedings as a prostitution of the law to serve a "capitalistic conspiracy to destroy labor."

But in all the excitement, in all his virtuous indignation over the "persecution" of the McNamara he kept that offer of a reward of \$7500 standing. Now we suggest that he pay it. The conditions have been fulfilled; the dynamiters have been caught, have confessed and have been disposed of, and Detective Burns is the man who can claim full credit.

But we doubt that Mr. Burns considers the offer of much worth, or that he could raise ten cents on his prospect of getting the money. However, Mr. Tveitmo should either pay or explain.

## THIS EDITOR AN ANARCHIST.

The editor of the Appeal to Reason, an anarchistic journal published at Girard, Kan., and circulated widely among socialists, ought to be sent to jail and kept there if the law can be applied in his case. He is plainly an anarchist, judging him by his comments on the confession of the McNamara. It is to be hoped that the socialist party has outgrown the doctrine he preaches and that its members will withdraw their support from his infamous sheet.

In his appeal to "reason" this fellow, who is reaping in the dollars of the working men of the country "converted" to socialism, carries his raving to the point almost of avowed anarchy. He not only charges that the McNamara confessed as a part of a "capital plot" to destroy organized labor and accomplish the defeat of Job Harriman in Los Angeles, but also that the dynamiters were bribed by the enemies of labor, and that their attorneys turned traitors.

Asks the editor: "What is plainer than this, that in order to discredit the organized working class capitalism was perfectly willing that murder should be done?"

Rather a strange argument in the wake of the editor's diatribes to the effect that the McNamara were accused and prosecuted by capital. As a matter of fact, he and his kind are the apotheosis for murder. And labor cannot afford to tolerate him and his kind. It should repudiate them and decisively show that it does not endorse the stuff by which they are constantly endeavoring to inflame class hatred.

Labor will not suffer from the developments in Los Angeles if it will drive out the anarchists. Labor as a body honestly believed the McNamara innocent and takes no stock in the talk that they were bribed by capital or anyone else.

Hon. Robert M. La Follette is singularly quiet on the trust question. He promptly indorsed the dissenting opinion the late Justice Harlan rendered in the Standard Oil case, but he has refrained from stating what ought to be done or what he would do were he president. He has often given out the intimation that President Taft is not dealing properly, or even sincerely, with the trust question, but he has been singularly reticent in stating what course he would himself pursue. Former President Roosevelt is girding at the president for prosecuting trusts, and saying in effect that the Sherman act is a foolish and futile thing, but Senator La Follette declines to give his opinion of the prosecutions or his estimate of the anti-trust law. All we know is that he is "agin" Taft and wants to be president himself.

The \$40,000,000 baby will receive for a Christmas hobby horse, a drum, some building blocks and an automatic bug. This is no more than the average baby of people in ordinary circumstances will receive. Babies are naturally very democratic.

## BURNS BELIEVES IN LABOR.

After having been abused by Samuel Gompers, O. A. Tveitmo of San Francisco and various other labor leaders, William J. Burns says: "There is not a doubt in my mind that at least 95 per cent of the working men of the country are absolutely convinced of the innocence of the McNamara up to the time the accused confessed. I am sure that organized labor as a body believed the prosecution a persecution up to the time the dynamiters admitted their guilt; and I am just as certain that organized labor will now do its best to drive all the dangerous agitators and anarchists out of positions of leadership."

This sounds pretty square from the detective who has been called a liar, a scoundrel, a kidnaper, a perjurer, a bribe-giver, a conspirator who would go to the length of planting incriminating evidence merely that he might bring innocent men to the gallows and thereby vindicate his professional reputation.

The one big figure in the McNamara case is Burns. He is the man who has gone coolly about his business and the service he has rendered the nation deserves a conspicuous place in history. Theodore Roosevelt was none too enthusiastic in expressing appreciation of it. Those who have so persistently insulted the detective owe it to themselves now to offer him an apology. If he can help carry the prosecution on until he gets the men behind the McNamara he will help rather than hurt organized labor.—Sacramento Union.

## THE COAST DEFENSES.

According to Gen. E. M. Weaver, chief of coast artillery, the present quota of the United States army is nearly 40,000 men short of the number necessary for the adequate manning of the present coast defenses. The artillery officer further asserts that the country is lulled into a false sense of security by the construction of new fortifications, which are practically worthless because they are not adequately garrisoned.

General Weaver cannot be classed as an alarmist for this assertion. Even civilians know that the complicated ordnance in the new fortifications cannot be manipulated by raw recruits. Infantrymen can be made quickly from volunteers in time of war, but heavy artillerymen are made only by long training. Without the proper complement to man and operate them, the expensive and complicated pieces of ordnance in the new forts are valueless.

While there is no prospect of the coast defenses being called into action just at present, they should be maintained in such condition that they could be called into action if they were needed. As General Weaver remarks, the country might better have saved the money spent in coast defenses if it is going to withhold the appropriations necessary to make them effective.

## SHADY BEND UNDER AN ALIAS.

Disgrace hangs heavy over the village of Shady Bend in Kansas. The place has gained so much shameful and scandalous notoriety by reason of the infamous "tar party" conducted by three of its prominent citizens that the people of the neighborhood are seriously considering changing its name. It seems a natural aspiration, notwithstanding certain obvious disadvantages of an alias. The abrupt adoption of a geographical disguise may involve a lot of explanations that sometimes leave the last state worse than the first.

The ill fame of Shady Bend is perhaps well deserved. A community where leading and also wealthy citizens could engage in a conspiracy to do monstrous outrage on a defenseless woman must have something wrong in its makeup. One would scarcely expect to find such evidences of degeneracy in a country village, and in a small place things of that sort do not occur without some toleration of community sentiment.

But it becomes evident that by this time Shady Bend has come to realize its unenviable reputation.

Kansas is still fruitful of sensations. Not long ago the Sunflower state gained wide publicity of the tarring and feathering of a young woman school teacher at Shady Bend, but it is not the Kansas habit to rest long on one set of laurels. There must be something doing all the time. When there's nothing more exciting its Blanco Bill and Governor Stubbs. On Thanksgiving day a woman at Dexter, Kansas, almost cut her tongue in two while eating mince pie. In Kansas it is considered quite the thing to eat pie with a knife. However, this lady undertook to eat the knife with the pie, hence the catastrophe. Had it been the tongue of Governor Bill Stubbs that was so nearly severed there would have been general rejoicing tempered by gentle regret that the severance was only partial.

Ever since the dawn of history women have been knocking crowns off the heads of kings, and a sentimental reaction against the treatment of his aunt, the Infanta Eulalia, by the present incumbent of the throne of Spain might add his name to the long list. The lady has written a book and King Alfonso has insured a large sale for it by ordering her to suppress it. This is not the time when a monarch can afford to have his people think he is out of touch with the times and afraid of what can be said about him and his affairs of state.

The cotton mill owners organize and make agreements to curtail output and fix a scale of prices, but they are vociferous when the cotton growers organize and agree to curtail production and stand together for a minimum price for their cotton. In each case the principle is the same and the method not dissimilar, but the point of view makes a wide difference of opinion between the spinners and planters. As a fact, they are both doing the same thing for the same reasons.

Rockefeller gave thanks because he struck water. It must be fine to muster up gratitude that easily.

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